

### **Abstract**

The invention relates to an arrangement of a multi-part intervertebral endoprosthesis (9), which has a top closure plate and bottom closure plate (91, 92) and, between these, a sliding core (93), each closure plate (91, 92) being assigned a pair of receiving openings (96, 97) or projections, and of an insertion instrument (1), which has a handgrip area (21, 31) and a gripping area (22, 32) with retention projections (51, 52) or openings which, in order to hold the intervertebral endoprosthesis (9) on the insertion instrument (1), can be engaged in the receiving openings or projections. According to the invention, the receiving openings (96, 97) are arranged in lateral side faces of the intervertebral endoprosthesis (9), and at least the pair of receiving openings (96) assigned to one of the closure plates (92) has a shape extended in the direction toward the other closure plate (91). In this way, without making changes to the insertion instrument (1), intervertebral endoprostheses (9) of different thicknesses can be held securely and with the guarantee that they are the correct way round.